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Young stars to do battle in Group 2 Great Chase at The Meadows

Some of the classiest young provincial chasers come to town next Wednesday afternoon trying to claim victory in the Group 2 Great Chase over 525 metres at The Meadows.

The final – drawn together after heat and semi-final qualifiers across the state – has brought together some very impressive young chasers, aiming to claim the \$25,000-to-the-winner first prize.

Swanky Lee will be one of the toughest to beat on Wednesday, coming up with the coveted red draw after a brilliant 25.72 win at Warragul last Monday night. The son of Brett Lee and Xanadu Dancer has already tasted success at The Meadows, taking out the Maiden Vic. Breeders final in September.

Maestro trainer Graeme Bate will be looking to add the Group 2 Great Chase to his already bulging list of big race successes with the classy Up And Away starting from box two. The daughter of Where's Pedro and On Shore qualified for the final after a stylish 25.35 win at Ballarat, and has the great record of three wins and a second from four starts at The Meadows.

Other leading contenders include Lektra Jay (box six) and Paragon Buster (box seven), two greyhounds with sub-30 second runs around The Meadows circuit. Both qualified with outstanding wins at Ballarat on Monday night, and only need to overcome awkward draws to figure in the finish.

The winner and placegetters of the Group 2 Great Chase doesn't just benefit connections, but also the community groups matched with the eight finalists in the rich final.

Greyhounds were randomly matched to 150 Victorian community groups that care for the intellectually and physically disabled before the series kicked off at the start of November, with thousands of clients and carers from the groups enjoying free catering and receiving free merchandise at their local racetracks in recent weeks, plus the chance to cheer on and meet their dogs.

More than \$20,000 has been shared among 33 of those organisations in recent weeks for being paired with greyhounds that won heats and semi-finals, with the eight groups aligned with Wednesday's Grand Finalists in the running to collect a further \$5,000 if their greyhound wins, \$2,000 for running second and \$1,000 for finishing third.

The community group matched with the Group 2 Great Chase winner also receive the equivalent of 10 per cent of their greyhound's prize money winnings for the next 12 months, courtesy of Greyhound Racing Victoria, which is likely to equate to thousands more.

The increasingly popular Meadows afternoon meeting will be attended by Melbourne Victory soccer star Archie Thompson and Melbourne Vixens netballer Bianca Chatfield, joining the large crowd to watch the Group 2 Great Chase at The Meadows.

For full form of the Group 2 Great Chase, click [here](#)

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